

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

1. Name of the Action:

The name of this action is the F-16 Crash Recovery on Mormon Mountain.

2. Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives

The proposed action would be to remove remnants of the F-16 aircraft which crashed on Mormon Mountain on August 7, 2000. The proposed action would remove the remaining pieces of aircraft and reclaim the site "to a level as close as possible to the original condition or at least to a condition that is substantially unnoticeable." (*Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Review, H-8550-1*).

The proposed action would be completed in the following five operational phases: Site Assessment, Site Abatement and Secondary Site Assessment, with a possible follow-on Contracted Abatement and Site Reclamation, and Follow-on Site Inspection. The site assessment phase investigated the feasibility of the overall steps required to remove debris and reclaim the site in a safe manner. The site abatement phase would establish a staging area and pick up most of the debris at the crash site. This phase would continue until the debris is completely cleaned up or until the Officer In Charge (OIC) determines that continuing the effort would pose undo safety risks to personnel. At the end of this phase, airlift and support removal would remove any remaining debris and support equipment from the mountainside. At the staging area, the debris would be packaged, loaded on trucks, and shipped to NAFB Area III for storage. The Secondary site assessment phase would revisit the site with AF and BLM representatives to determine if additional work is deemed necessary at the end of phase II. The possible contracted abatement phase would proceed if the above phases determine additional work is necessary to clean up debris at the site until a satisfactory resolution is met. A follow up visit by the AF and BLM to the crash site area will be programmed for completion in the summer of 2002. The purpose of this visit would be to investigate and remove any noxious weed establishment and to take soil samples to verify natural attenuation is progressing such that the area meets the State TPH standard.

3. Summary of Environmental Impacts

The proposed action and alternatives would abate or nearly abate all adverse impacts caused by the F-16 crash on Mormon Mountain.

4. Conclusion

On the basis of the findings of the Environmental Assessment, no significant impact is anticipated for either the proposed action or alternatives on human health or the natural environment. A Finding of No Significant Impact is warranted and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this action.

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